(d) and (e) As per DGCI&S latest provisional data imports during April-October, 1999 are estimated at US $ 26552.71 million which is 7.53% higher than the level of US $ 24694.08 million during the same period last year. Oil imports during April-October, 1999 are valued at

US $ 5276.53 million which is 52.04% higher than oil imports valued at US $ 3470.45 million in the corresponding period last year.

Sector-wise break-up of FDI

1878. SHRI GURU DAS GUPTA:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state the sector-wise break-up of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approvals, number of proposals and the amount of the project, and the actual investment made, year-wise, since the beginning of new economic reforms in the year 1991, till date?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): Sir, the details of sector-wise/year-wise break-up of FDI approved during the period from August, 1991 to August, 1999 are given in Annexure-I *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 50]

Further, the details of sector-wiseyaer-wise inflows of FDI from 1.8.91 to 31.8.99 are given in Annexure-II *[See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 50]

Project details are incorporated from time to time, in the Monthly SIA Newsletters brought out by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion, which are widely circulated including the Library of the House.

Safeguarding India's Interest in WTO Conference

1879. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the newsitem in the Business Standard, dated 18th November, 1999 captioned "India faces isolation with regard to WTO Conference";

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the steps taken to safeguard India's Interest in the Seattle Conference on WTO held in the end of November, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The inference in the newspaper article 'India faces isolation with regard to WTO Conference", does not appear to be based on an entirely correct appreciation of facts.

(c) Government's preparations to safeguard India's interest at the Seattle Ministerial Conference included building up of a national consensus on a proactive agenda through consultations with major stake holders. Intensive consultations were also undertaken with other developing countreis so as to evolve issue based support. India participated effectively in the deliberations of the Seattle Ministerial Conference. On many issues, India received the support of a number of developing countries at the meeting. We also effectively opposed the inclusion of non-trade issues, like labour standards, in the agenda of the WTO.

Special incentives under new Industrial Policy for NER

1880. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the particulars of notified special incentives under new Industrial Policy to attract investment in the North-East Region;

(b) the response so far received on the basis of such notification;

(c) whether it is a fact some unwilling industrial houses are putting pressure to undermine the special relief for the NE region to safeguard their own self-interest; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. RAMAN): (a) The particulars of incentives under the new industrial policy for the North-East Region, *inter alia,* are:

1. Expenditure on each Growth Centre, upto Rs. 15 crores to be met through Central assistance.